

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. And worse, it is an example of the disintegration of American democracy..

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Exactly which public interest is being served by showing the documentary? In my estimation, Sinclair has the right to show this material only if it also shows pro-Kerry and anti-Bush materials alongside it.

This is why it's such an affront to democracy when large companies control the airwaves: we get more of what's good for the bottom line (and for corporate interests), and less of what we need for our democracy (i.e., presentation of all sides of the issues).

Please support strict regulations on corporate ownership of media companies.